

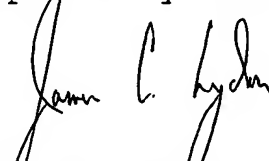
**REMARKS**

This Preliminary Amendment rewrites claims 1-17 attached to the International Preliminary Examination Report to eliminate multiple dependencies and drawing reference numerals, and adds a substitute Abstract. The substitute Abstract is based on the PCT abstract. Claims 1-17 are pending.

A Transmittal of Sequence Listing, an Information Disclosure Statement and a Recordation Form Cover Sheet are attached.

It is not believed any fee is required for entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1258 in the amount of any such required fee.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures:

Transmittal of Sequence Listing  
Information Disclosure Statement  
Recordation Form Cover Sheet  
Substitute Abstract